

# SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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## MORGAN NOMINATION/Member of the Surface Transportation Board

**SUBJECT:** Nomination of Linda Joan Morgan, of Maryland, to be a member of the Surface Transportation Board. Confirmation.

### ACTION: NOMINATION CONFIRMED, 96-3

**SYNOPSIS:** Linda Joan Morgan was born August 5, 1952, in Chester County, Pennsylvania. She received an A.B. from Vassar College in 1973 and a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 1976. Her employment history includes the following: 1974-1976, Research Assistant, Georgetown University Law Center; 1976-1978, Attorney/Associate, Welch & Morgan; 1978-1986, Democratic Staff Counsel, United States Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; 1987-1994, General Counsel, United States Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; 1994-1995, Member, Vice Chairman, and Chairman, Interstate Commerce Commission; 1996-present, Chairman, Surface Transportation Board.

**Those favoring** confirmation contended:

We are pleased to vote for the reappointment of Linda J. Morgan to the Surface Transportation Board (STB). She has served as chairman of this board since its creation in 1996 with great distinction and with great integrity and fairness. Some of our colleagues are concerned with her handling of shipping rates and monopolies of railroad freight lines, but Ms. Morgan has been very responsive to requests to monitor the problems. She has done a remarkable job as chairman of the STB, and we urge our colleagues to confirm her.

**Those opposing** confirmation contended:

We oppose this nominee because of her poor handling of the unacceptable rates being charged by railroad freight lines that have

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YEAS (96)				NAYS (3)		NOT VOTING (1)	
Republican (52 or 96%)		Democrats (44 or 98%)		Republicans (2 or 4%)	Democrats (1 or 2%)	Republicans (1)	Democrats (0)
Abraham	Helms	Akaka	Johnson	Burns	Rockefeller	McCain- <sup>2</sup>	
Allard	Hutchinson	Baucus	Kennedy	Specter			
Ashcroft	Hutchison	Bayh	Kerrey				
Bennett	Inhofe	Biden	Kerry				
Bond	Jeffords	Bingaman	Kohl				
Brownback	Kyl	Boxer	Landrieu				
Bunning	Lott	Breaux	Lautenberg				
Campbell	Lugar	Bryan	Leahy				
Chafee, Lincoln	Mack	Byrd	Levin				
Cochran	McConnell	Cleland	Lieberman				
Collins	Murkowski	Conrad	Lincoln				
Coverdell	Nickles	Daschle	Mikulski				
Craig	Roberts	Dodd	Moynihan				
Crapo	Roth	Dorgan	Murray				
DeWine	Santorum	Durbin	Reed				
Domenici	Sessions	Edwards	Reid				
Enzi	Shelby	Feingold	Robb				
Fitzgerald	Smith, Bob	Feinstein	Sarbanes				
Frist	Smith, Gordon	Graham	Schumer				
Gorton	Snowe	Harkin	Torricelli				
Gramm	Stevens	Hollings	Wellstone				
Grams	Thomas	Inouye	Wyden				
Grassley	Thompson						
Gregg	Thurmond						
Hagel	Voinovich						
Hatch	Warner						

#### EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

#### SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay

monopoly power in some States. Our colleagues claim that she has responded to requests to have the freight lines monitored, but we say that offer is too little too late. Ms. Morgan should have recognized the unreasonable rates that were being charged by these railroad monopolies far in advance of the requests for relief that were made by shippers and farmers. These rates are strong-arm tactics that cripple our nation's farmers and reflect continued unfair practices by our railroads. Ms. Morgan's failure to recognize this problem and alleviate it is a display of her inability to perform her job effectively, and we urge our colleagues to vote against her confirmation.